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Upon learning of Aregna's death, Linfa gives in to the dark side and transforms into the ancient queen of angels, Ishtar. Abducting Storm Genie En-Zu from Pam, Ishtar invokes Enuma Elish, a chaotic re-creation of the Spirit World. Can Pam save Zu, Linfa, and the Spirit World? It's the grand finale of *Stray Little Devil*, an ode to those who love ditzy little devils in hot pants and a snobby angel who's too proud to show her sentimental side.

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A COLD, PETRIFYING LOOK...

...JUST LIKE WHEN WE FIRST MET...

LINFA..
CHAN...

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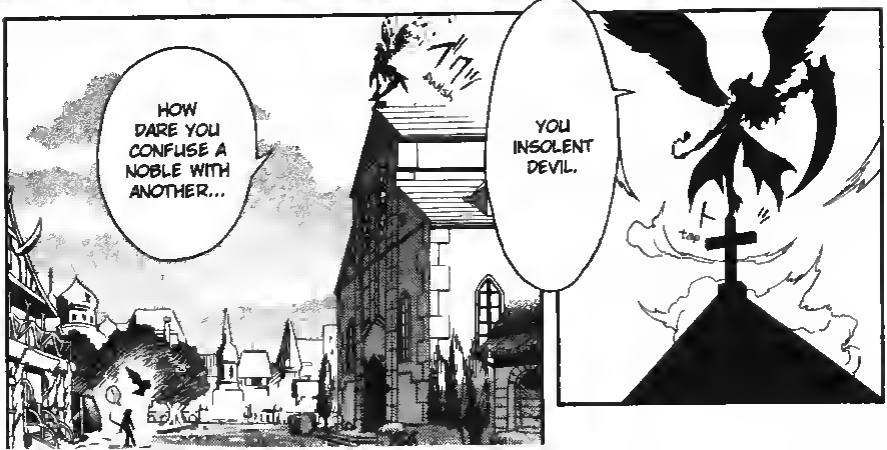
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT ...
... THAT YOU WOULD BE REDUCED TO SUCH A DISGRACEFUL FIGURE...
...EN ZU

WH-WHAT WAS THAT?!
How dare you insult me!
WAIT A MINUTE, LINFA-CHAN!
WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT?!


YOU INSOLENT DEVIL.
HOW DARE YOU CONFUSE A NOBLE WITH ANOTHER...

I AM THE SUPREME QUEEN WHO RULES ALL OF THE SPIRIT WORLD...
ISHTAR.
I HAVE BUSINESS WITH THE BLACK BEAST.
IF YOU INTERFERE, YOU SHALL LOSE YOUR LIFE.
ZWSH
HAH!
I'LL TAKE THAT CHALLENGE. IT'S PAY-BACK TIME!
STOP, LINFA-CHAN!
It's a misunderstanding!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME?!

NONSENSE.
DO YOU THINK THAT I WOULD CARE TO NOTICE A TRIVIAL DEVIL SUCH AS YOU?
ZU-KUN, NO!
YO, I CAN'T SEE!
SHUT THE HELL UP!
I'M THE ONE YOU WANT!
FWISH
CLINK
FOOLS...

SHING!

AAHI
WATCH OUT!
GAHI?

WHAM!
URG... YOU...
CRACKLE

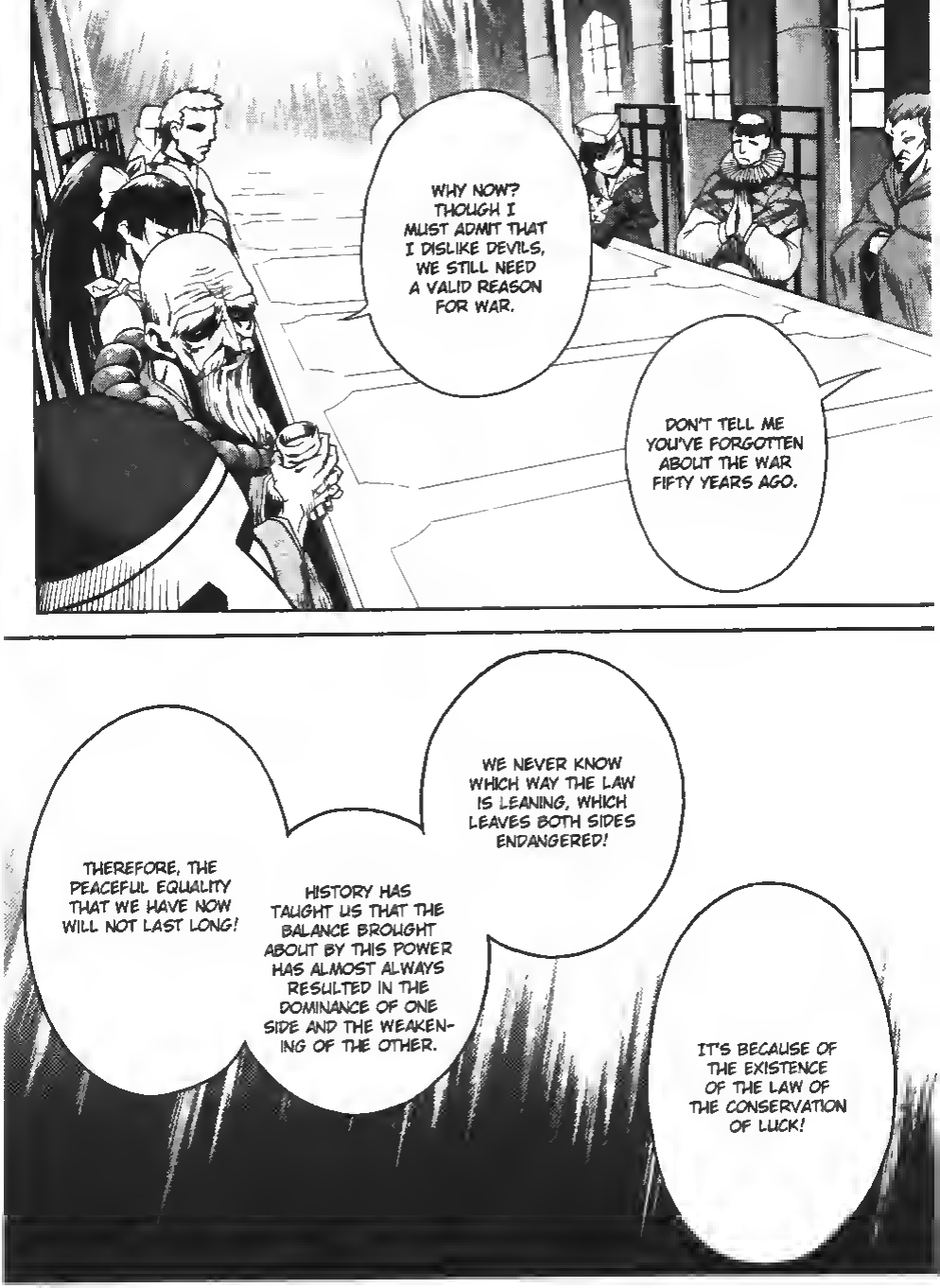
BGSH
AARGH!
ZU-KUN!
POO!
K.O.'D

I WARNED YOU.
IF YOU INTERFERE...
thud
SKSSS!!
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
Pa m...

P...
PAM?!
!!
WAKE UP, PAM!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WHAT WAS ALL THAT NOISE?
WHAT HAPPENED ?
?

CHAIRMAN DRACAENA,
HAVE YOU GONE MAD?!
ZWSH

A PLAN TO INVADE AND TAKE OVER...
...DEAMONEA?
THROUGHOUT HISTORY, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A TIME WHEN ANGELS AND DEVILS WERE AT COMPLETE PEACE
WHY IS THIS?!
LISTEN WELL!


WHY NOW? THOUGH I MUST ADMIT THAT I DISLIKE DEVILS, WE STILL NEED A VALID REASON FOR WAR.
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE WAR FIFTY YEARS AGO.
WE NEVER KNOW WHICH WAY THE LAW IS LEANING, WHICH LEAVES BOTH SIDES ENDANGERED!
THEREFORE, THE PEACEFUL EQUALITY THAT WE HAVE NOW WILL NOT LAST LONG!
HISTORY HAS TAUGHT US THAT THE BALANCE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THIS POWER HAS ALMOST ALWAYS RESULTED IN THE DOMINANCE OF ONE SIDE AND THE WEAKENING OF THE OTHER.
IT'S BECAUSE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE LAW OF THE CONSERVATION OF LUCK!

INDEED,
THERE IS A FIERCE COMPETITION OVER THE SHARE OF URK AMONG ANGELS AND DEVILS...
BUT THAT IS IN ORDER FOR EACH SIDE TO ATTAIN THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE MANA FROM THE TREE OF LIFE IN EACH TERRITORY.
AS LONG AS WE SEEK MORE PROFIT, IT WILL ONLY BECOME HARDER TO MAINTAIN EQUALITY.
HOWEVER, FORMER CHAIRMAN REPRESENTATIVE AREGNA WAS ABLE TO MAINTAIN A BALANCE WITH HIS FINE SKILLS.
IS IT TRUE THAT AREGNA HAS DIED?!
HE...
...BECAME SO OBSESSED WITH MAINTAINING A BALANCE THAT HE RESORTED TO MAKING A DEAL WITH THE DEVILS.
THUS, HE WAS ENTICED INTO STEALING AN HEIRLOOM FROM THE CHURCH'S TREASURY,
AND WAS ARRESTED BY THE POLICE, WHO WERE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED.

HOWEVER, THE DEVIL COUNCIL FEARED THE TRUTH WOULD BE REVEALED AND TRESPASSED INTO ANGELEA
THEY BLEW UP THE ANGEL PRISON, KILLING AREGNA IN THE PROCESS.
AS SUCH, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE!
GRIP
OUR LAX SECURITY IS TO BLAME FOR THEIR ENTRY INTO ANGELEA!
HOWEVER, WE CANNOT ALLOW SUCH A BARBARIC CRIME TO GO UNPUNISHED!
IF THAT IS THE TRUTH, THEN I AGREE TO WAR!
BAM!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY PLAN TO DO WITH THE STOLEN ITEM.
BUT IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT THEY ARE SCHEMING TO DESTROY US!
YES!
PRECISELY!

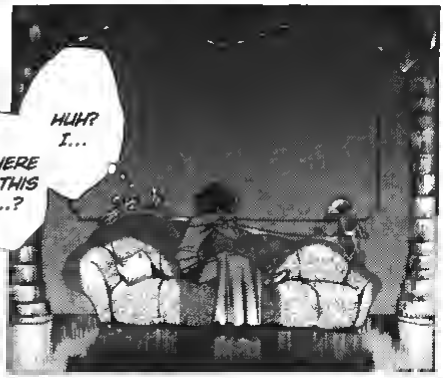
BUT... WHAT OF THE SPIRITS?
WITH THIS WAR, THEY WILL BE VICTIMIZED.
THAT IS WHY I MOVE TO EXECUTE OPERATION: LEO OF BABYLON IMMEDIATELY!
HOWEVER, SPIRITS WHO DO NOT AGREE TO OUR WAYS WILL BE DISPOSED OF.
OF COURSE, WE SHALL PROTECT THEM AS BEST WE CAN.
WAIT.
IS THAT NOT RATHER CRUEL?
WE OUGHT TO TREAT ALL NON-DEVILS WITH CHARITY AND LOVE...
AND WE SHALL TAKE OVER THEIR HEADQUARTERS AT THE PANDEMONIUM!
DESTROY THE LOATHSOME DEVILS!
THE ANGEL ARMY SHALL INVADE DEAMONEA WITH ALL OUR FORCES!
CRUEL?

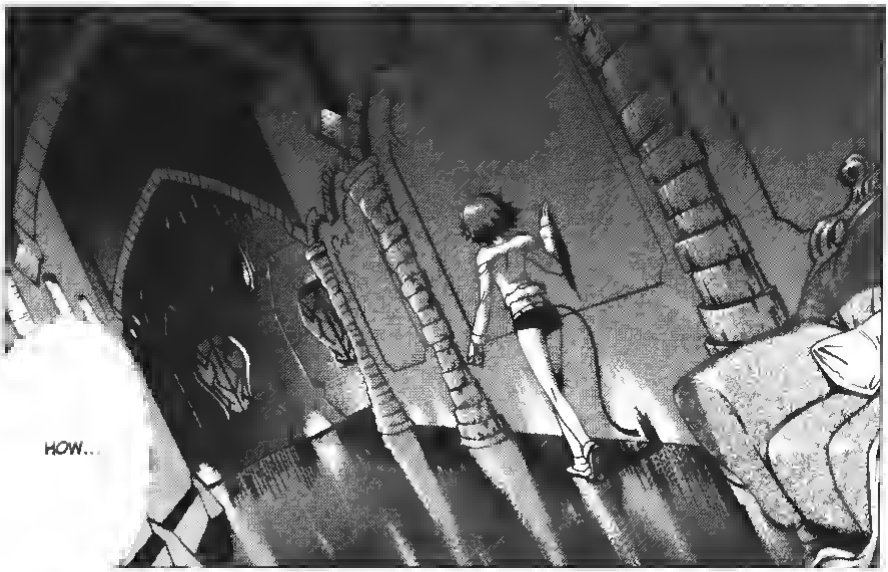
WHEN COMMANDING AN ARMY AS LARGE AS OURS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREPARE FOR AND EXECUTE OUR PLANS...
WITHOUT THIS SO-CALLED CRUELTY!
IF WE LET RESISTANCE RUN RAMPANT OUT OF FEAR OF BEING CRUEL, THEN THEY WILL SURELY TAKE ADVANTAGE AND CRUSH US WITH THEIR HATRED!
DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE SPIRITS! THE DEVILS WERE ONCE MERE SPIRITS, TOO!
THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A UNION AMONG THE ANGELS AND SPIRITS, AND PERMANENTLY MAINTAIN THEIR LOYALTY TOWARD US LEADERS,
HEAR ME WELL!
WE MUST NOT BE CONCERNED ABOUT BEING CALLED "CRUEL," "MERCILESS," OR EVEN "MASS MURDERERS!"

HAVE NO SELF-CONTROL, AND ARE GREEDY COWARDS!
THEY ARE BETRAYING HYPOCRITES,
REPAY KINDNESS WITH INGRATITUDE
DEVILS...
Drácoena-sama is so manly
THERE-FORE, THE ONLY WAY
...TO PRESERVE PEACE IN THE SPIRIT WORLD
IS TO DESTROY EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM!
THEY ARE EVIL BY NATURE
AND EVEN IF WE RULE OVER THEM, THEY WILL NEVER BE FAITHFUL TO THEIR LEADERS!

LET'S BRING PEACE TO THE SPIRIT WORLD!
WITH OUR POWER!
THAT'S RIGHT!
BUT THAT'S TOO...
WHAT?! SO SOON?!
IF IT IS POSSIBLE I'D LIKE TO GATHER THE ENTIRE ARMY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL
AND? WHEN SHALL WE START?
COMRADES... NOW IS THE TIME FOR US ANGELS TO ACHIEVE...
OUR FUTURE GLORY AND PROMINENCE!
IT IS PRECEDENT THAT NOBODY QUARRELS DURING THE NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL.
THERE IS NO GREATER OPPORTUNITY THAN THIS TO SWEEP THE GROUND FROM UNDER OUR UNGUARDED
ENEMY!!

AHH...

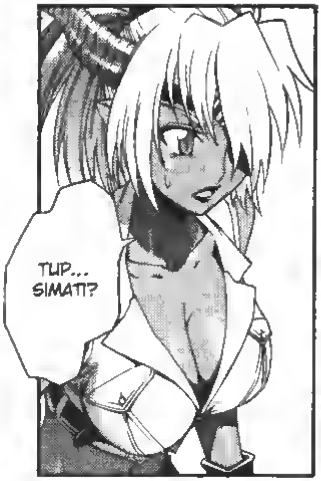

HUH? I...
WHERE IS THIS ...?


HOW...

YES... IT WAS UNDOUBTEDLY THE SUCCESSOR OF THE AUREOLE... HOWEVER..
SHE APPEARED VERY DIFFERENT...
IS THIS TRUE, INSTRUCTOR LIZYERRA?
AND SHE LEFT WITH EN ZU?
THIS IS A GRAVE MATTER..
CHAIRMAN MALPHAS
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO PAM, EN ZU, AND LINFA?
DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS?

MR. CHAIR-MAN...
...
Hmm
THEREFORE, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW...
I hear voices...
AND AREGNA LEFT THOSE TWO IN MY CARE...
PAM IS MY STUDENT,

...IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEM.
HMM...
THEN, I SHALL TELL YOU ...
...WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN TO THE SPIRIT WORLD.


TUP... SIMATI?

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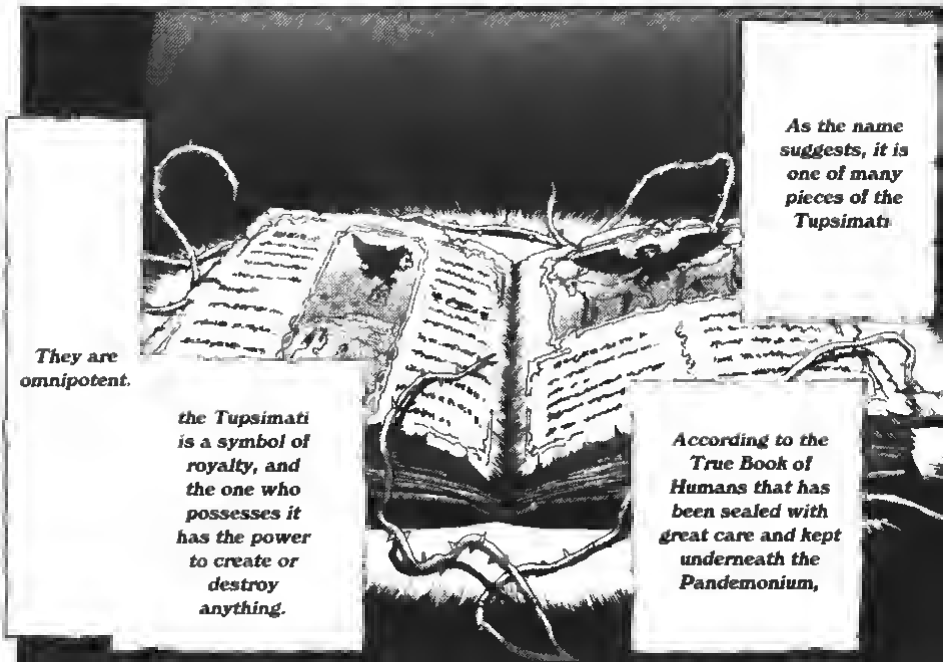
THE KEY TO EVERYTHING IS THE GEM IN PAM'S PENDANT.
A PIECE OF TUPSIMATI.


As the name suggests, it is one of many pieces of the Tupsimati
They are omnipotent.
the Tupsimati is a symbol of royalty, and the one who possesses it has the power to create or destroy anything.
According to the True Book of Humans that has been sealed with great care and kept underneath the Pandemonium,

When the time to renew the throne comes, it calls forth a possessor from a different world,
One that our fairy tales refer to as "human."
HU... MAN?
THEN PAM REALLY IS...
I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS SO IMPOR-TANT...
MY PENDANT ...
HUH?
Wait
WAAAAH!
SHUDDER

P...
SENSEI!
...I'VE LOST THE PENDAAAANT!
キィィィ

THE PIECE OF TUPSIMATI IS IN THE HANDS OF OUR ADVERSARY.
ZEPAR...
ARE YOU DONE RECUPERATING?
CREAK
YES.
I SHALL TELL THE REST.
WHO ARE YOU?!
YET ANOTHER NEW GUY?

REMY.
SHINE
GLOW
THAT LITTLE DEVIL...

...
HOW MAY I SERVE YOU, ISHTAR-SAMA?
NEVER-MIND...
I'M TIRED. I SHALL SLEEP.

AS YOU WISH.
UNTIL THE TIME COMES...

ばうぇ
WAAAAH!
ビクッ
SHUDDER

HEY.
CREAK
ARE YOU SURE THE ENTRANCE IS THIS WAY, PAM?
HOW WEIRD. I COULD'VE SWORN IT WAS AROUND HERE SOME-WHERE...

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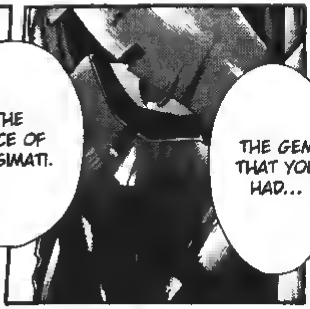
Awaking of EN-ZU

I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I BELIEVE WHAT THAT RED-ARMORED GUY SAID...
JEEZ...
WHO ARE YOU?
I SHALL TELL THE REST.
UNDER... COVER?
HE SUFFERED MAJOR INJURIES IN HIS LAST MISSION
THIS IS ZEPAR HE HAS BEEN WORKING UNDERCOVER FOR ME. BUT...

MY MISSION WAS TO FIND THE TRUE MEANING OF THE URNAN TRIBE.
AND A CERTAIN SOMETHING
"A CERTAIN SOMETHING?"

AND? SO, WHO HAS IT NOW?

THE PIECE OF TUPSIMATI.

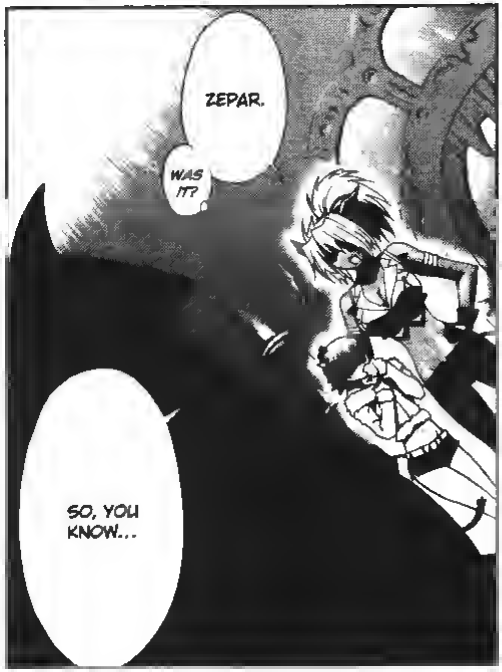

THE GEM THAT YOU HAD...

ISHTAR.
THE BLACK-WINGED ANGEL WHO ABDUCTED EN ZU
A QUEEN WHO RULED ALL THE ANGELS OF THE SPIRIT WORLD IN ANCIENT TIMES.

YOU MEAN THAT LINFA-CHAN'S DISAPPEARED?!
THEN, LINFA-CHAN...
Ish... tar?
IT WAS LITTLE BY LITTLE...
...BUT I FELT THAT WE WERE GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER.
I MADE HER UPSET SOMETIMES BECAUSE OF MY CARELESS-NESS...
THAT THE RECOVERY OF HER ANCIENT MEMORIES HAVE RE-PLACED THOSE OF LINFA'S.
THERE IS A GREAT POSSIBIL-ITY...
PAM...
OH, NO...

AND SHE SAID SHE DOESN'T KNOW ME...
SOB

SOB
SOB

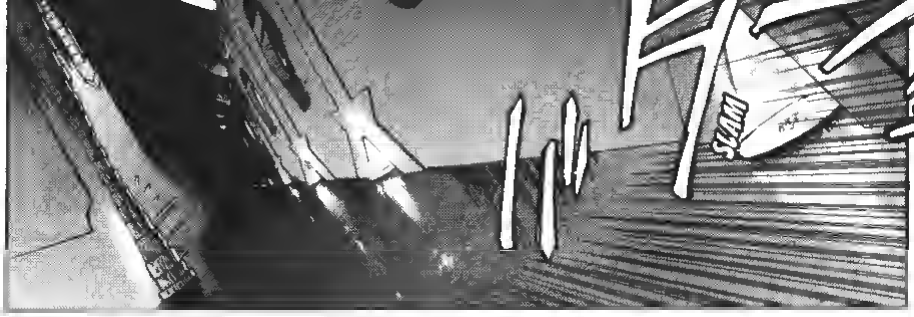

ZEPAR.
WAS IT?
SO, YOU KNOW...

BUT... SHE NEVER LOOKED AT ME WITH SUCH COLD EYES LIKE THAT!

...WHERE THIS ISHTAR IS?
E... KUA?
DO YOU KNOW OF A PLACE CALLED... E KUA (THE SANCTUARY)?
I BELIEVE THAT THEY KEY IS...
SACRED AND FORBIDDEN? THEN HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GET IN?
IT IS A SACRED PLACE WITHIN THE URNAN TREE THAT IS FORBIDDEN TO ALL.

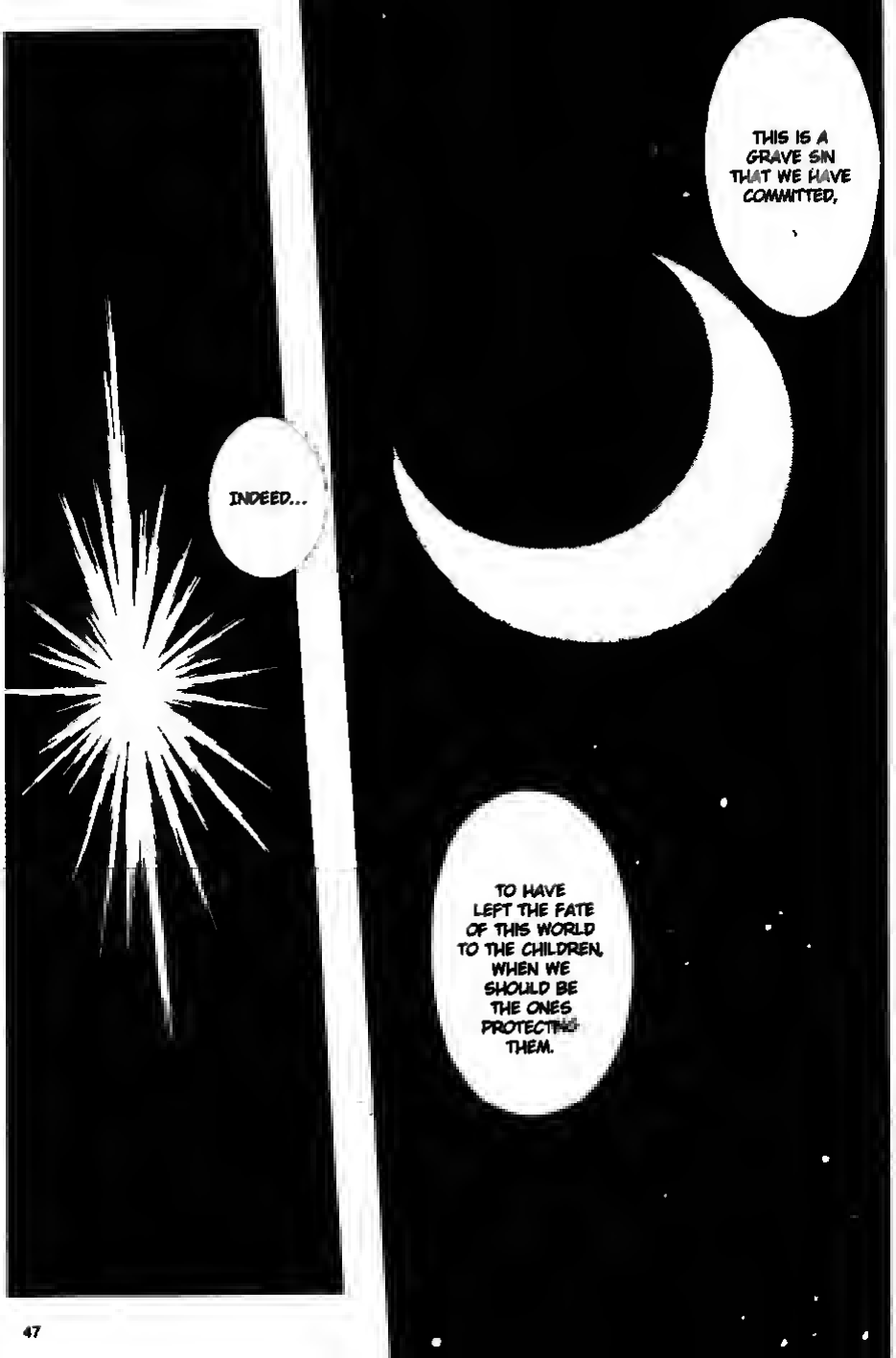
PAM,
YOU CAN ENTER IT...
BECAUSE YOUR POWER IS NECESSARY AT THE END OF THE CEREMONY INVOLVING THE PIECE OF TUPSIMATI.

MY GRANDMOTHER WOULD PROBABLY TELL ME TO GO, TOO!
TO GO SAVE ZU-KUN AND LINFA-CHAN...
I'LL GO...
...
YES!
INSTRUCTOR LIZYERRA
CLICK
WHAT?
Sensei?
LET'S GO.
PAM!

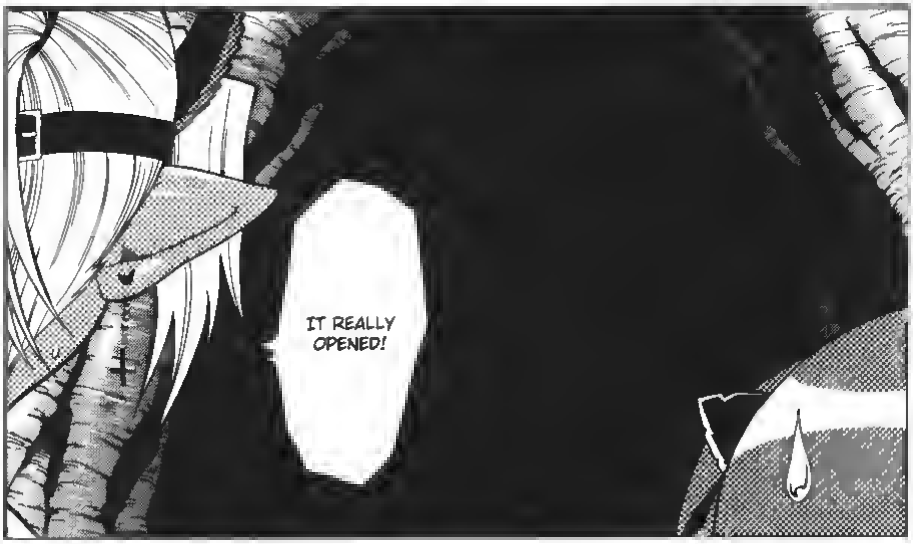

SWISH

I'M GOING TO PROTECT HER,
NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!

CHAIRMAN MALPHAS.
WHAT IS IT?


THIS IS A GRAVE SIN THAT WE HAVE COMMITTED,
INDEED...
TO HAVE LEFT THE FATE OF THIS WORLD TO THE CHILDREN, WHEN WE SHOULD BE THE ONES PROTECTING THEM.

HOLY HELL!
RUMBLE


IT REALLY OPENED!

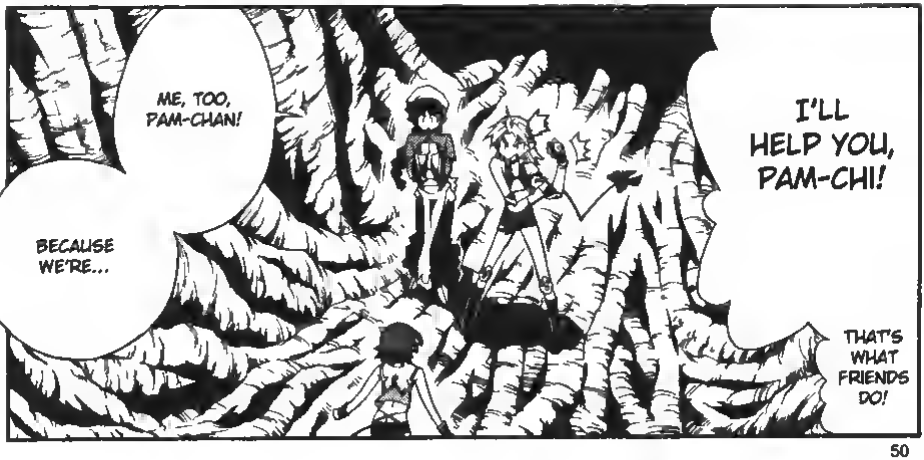
GLOW
GLOW
!!
GLOW
GLOW
ZU-KUN AND LINFA-CHAN ARE HERE...
I'M GOING IN!
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE WELCOME HERE.
Y... YEAH.
AND?
WHY ARE YOU TWO FOLLOWING US?
ACK

OF COURSE!
HA HA HA... WE'VE BEEN FOUND OUT.

I'M SORRY, LIZYERRA-SENSEI!
WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT PAM-CHAN, SO WE WENT TO LOOK FOR HER IN THE PANDEMONIUM...

SO YOU HEARD EVERY-THING...?

R...
RAIM?!
AND VINE-CHAN!


I'LL HELP YOU, PAM-CHI!
ME, TOO, PAM-CHAN!
BECAUSE WE'RE...
THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS DO!

YOU TWO... THANK YOU! ♡
TEARS
FRIENDS, RIGHT?!
JEEZ... YOU TWO CAN BE STUBBORN..
OK, LET'S GO!
YES, SENSEI!

MY BELOVED DARLING SENSOR HAS FINALLY REACTED!!
FWEE
TWIRL
TWIRL
TWIRL
YES...
YES, YES, YES!
FWEE
I'M COMING TO SEE YOU! ♡
TWIRL
HE-H
PLEASE WAIT FOR ME, MY PRINCE WITH THE MANE! ♡ I'M...
IT WAS WORTH WAITING FOR THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS WITHOUT SLEEP!

SISTER LINFA!
MY DUTIES AS A SISTER ENDED AT THE NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL.
BUT BEFORE I HAVE TO RETURN TO THE CONVENT,
I SHALL FIND YOU,

PAT
PAT
PAT
PAT
PAT
LISTEN UP!
ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN HERE,
SO IF YOU'RE IN DANGER, RUN AWAY IMMEDIATELY! GOT THAT?
GULP..

THIS IS IT...
THERE'S NOTHING HERE. ARE YOU SURE IT'S HERE?
I KNEW IT. IT'S THIS PLACE...
WELCOME TO E KUA.
!!
WHO ARE YOU?!
LONG TIME NO SEE,
PAM.

REMY?! WH-WHY...?!
DO YOU KNOW HIM, PAM?!
I CAN SENSE THAT HE'S NEITHER ANGEL NOR DEVIL...
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT GUY...
WE HAVE A LOT OF GUESTS TODAY.
Oh, well
MY, MY.

WHO ARE YOU?!
WHERE ARE ZU AND LINFA?!
CHUCKLE
DON'T WORRY, HE'S THERE.
Z...ZU-KUN!

FWOOSH
P... PAM.
URG...
DAMN ...
MY POWERS ...
HOW COULD YOU, REMY?! HOW COULD YOU?!
IT'S USELESS, ZU.
AT THE MOMENT, ANYWAY.

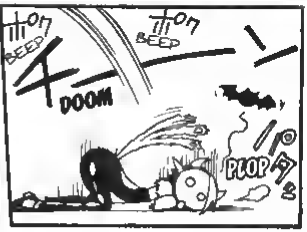
AWWW, IT'S MY PRINCE WITH THE MANE!
PEEK
ひょい
WHAT'S THIS?
LET GO OF ZU!
HE'S PAM'S FAMILIAR!
BAM
HUH?!

I'M AFRAID I CAN'T DO THAT.
WE'RE GOING TO START AN IMPORTANT CEREMONY.

FOR WHAT?
A... CEREMONY?

GLOW

FAMILIAR?
MY PRINCE WITH THE MANE?
HE'S THAT TRAMP'S...


BEEP
BEEP
DOOM
PLOP

SNAP
FOR EMANU ELISH (THE CREATION OF HEAVEN AND EARTH).
MY PENDANT!
WHIRL
THUMP!

AHHHH!
RUMBLE
HER CERES AND HAIR-COLOR...
PAM-CHI?!
THIS IS...
PAM-CHAN!

AARGH!
JUST LIKE BEFORE...
PAM!
ZU!
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK

I SEE.
THUD...
LINFA-CHAN!

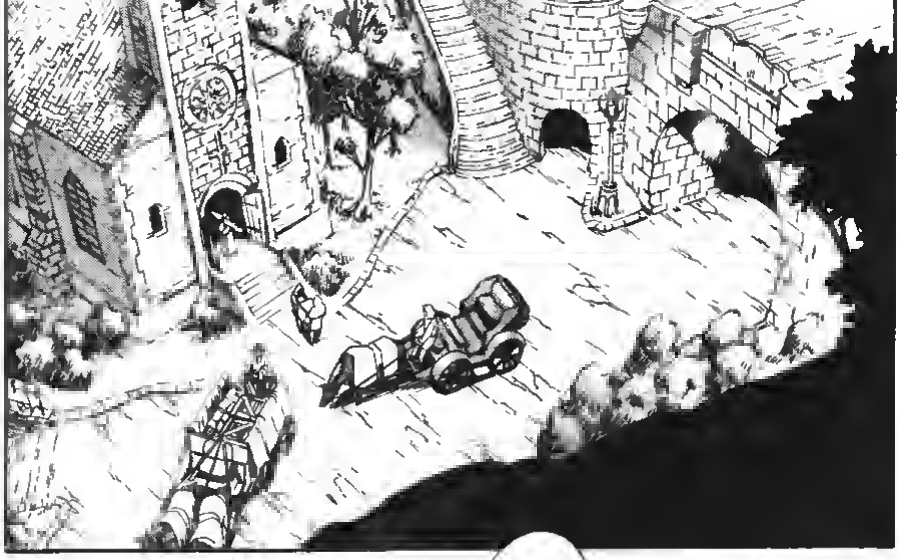
SO. THIS TRIVIAL GIRL-DEVIL HAS INHERITED MALDUK'S POWERS.
REMY, YOU KNEW THIS?
A SMALL MATTER. AT LEAST NOW EVERYTHING IS IN PLACE
FIRST...
SHING

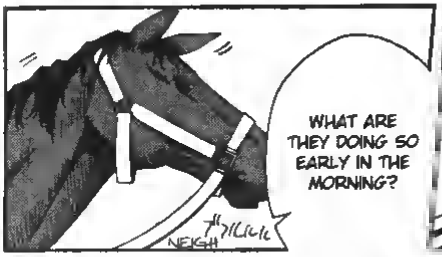
WHAM
ZU-KUN!
BAM
ALL THE PIECES OF...
EN ZU.
I SHALL HAVE YOU RELEASE FROM YOUR BODY...

FLASH
...THE TUPSIMATI!

I'M COMING TO SEE YOU!

I'M NOT HER SLAVE!
HOW DID WE GET STUCK HAVING TO GATHER ALL THE INGREDIENTS FOR HER SPELL?!
DAMN THAT CAMIO!
IT'S BECAUSE SHE HAS SO MUCH DIRT ON YOU.
OOPS.
WHAT?!
HUH?
SHH!
BE QUIET, BROTHER GAAP.
BESIDES, YOU'RE-




WHAT ARE THEY DOING SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?
NEIGH

ANGELS...?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

GAH!
MMC
IDIOTS! BE QUIET!

DOES IT LOOK LIKE THEY'RE MOVING OUT?
Eh?

OROBAS-SAMA, WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
O-OLD MAN OROBAS.
Don't scare me like that
DON'T CALL ME AN OLD MAN, YOU PUNK.
...F-FOR WHAT?
SIZZLE
IT'S NOT JUST HERE.
THEY'RE REMOVING EVERY WEAPON FROM THE CHAPELS ALL OVER URK,
AND GATHERING THEM JUST OUTSIDE THEIR GATE.
PAW

GULP
FLASH!
!
WH-WHAT THE--?!
I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D MOVE THINGS SO QUICKLY...
THAT DRACAENA!
WAR.

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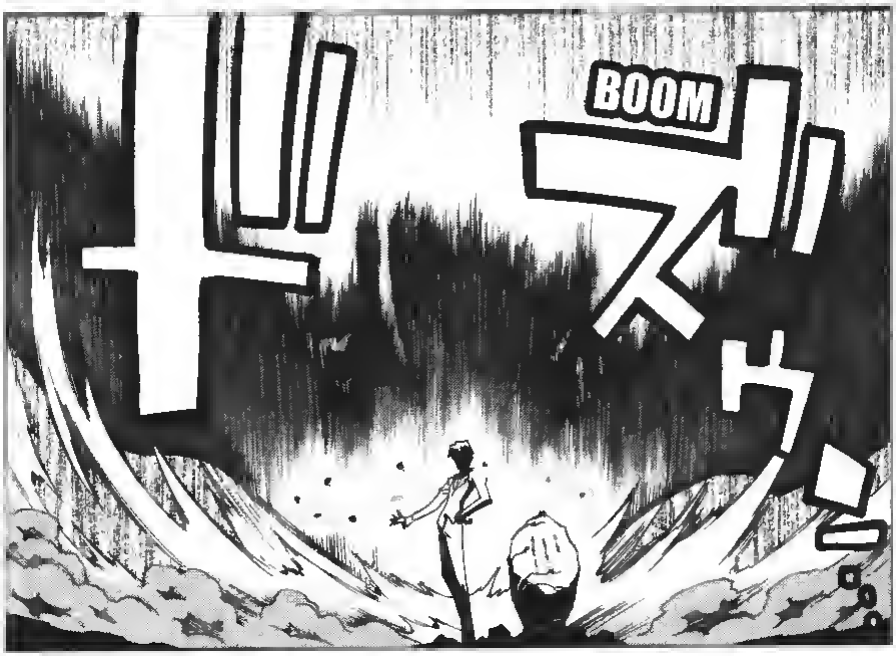
BOOM

ZU-KUN!

GYUAAAH

WHOOSH
GWAAAH
RELEASE THEM NOW!
ALL THE PIECES OF TUPSIMATI!
DASH
NO!
PLEASE!
STOP IT!

ZING
FWISH


BOOM

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS...?
LINFA-CHAN...
REMY... WHY?

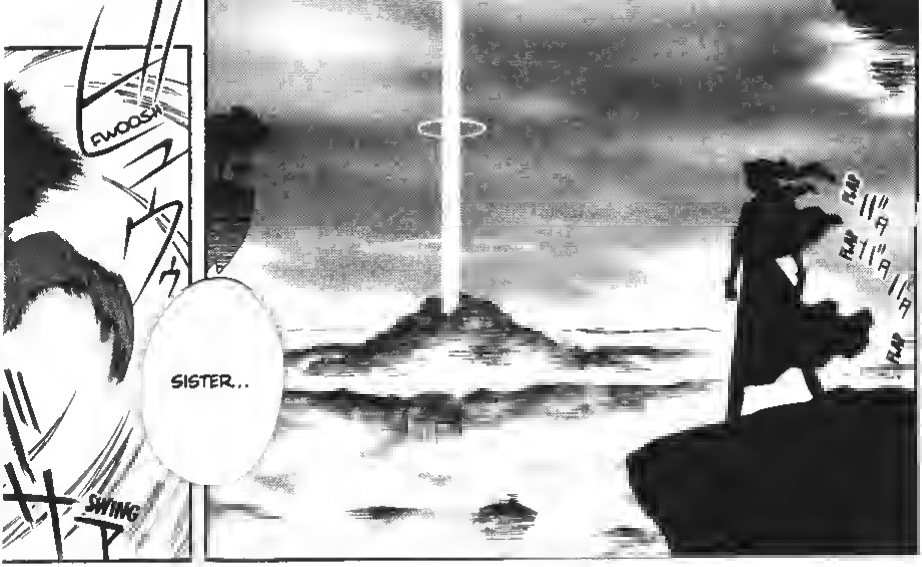
SO I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE YOU WERE A NICE PERSON?
YOU SAID THAT IF I BECAME A FULL-FLEDGED DEVIL,
YOU'D TELL ME HOW TO RETURN TO THE HUMAN WORLD.
WAS THAT PROMISE...
A LIE?
IT'S JUST THINGS SPED UP A BIT.
IT WASN'T A LIE.
...

JUST LOOK AT YOU... YOU ALREADY LOOK A LIKE FULL-FLEDGED DEVIL.
THAT'S BECAUSE THE VERY POWER THAT RESIDES IN YOU IS THAT OF THE LEGENDARY DEVIL KING,
MARDUK.
WH... WHY PAM-CHAN...
ISN'T THAT JUST A FAIRY TALE...?
LEGENDARY... DEVIL KING?

THE SPELLS WERE CAST BY NINURTA GIRSU, WHO SERVED AS THE ANGEL QUEEN'S FORMER RIGHT-HAND MAN.
TAP
OR WOULD YOU UNDERSTAND BETTER IF I CALLED HIM AREGNA?
AREGNA...?!
CLANG...
CLANG...
CLANG...
NOW WE CAN FINALLY RESTORE THE TUPSIMATI.
ONLY WHEN YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN POWER WILL EN ZU TAKE ON HIS TRUE FORM.
THERE WERE MULTIPLE SPELLS CAST ON EN ZU TO SEAL AWAY HIS POWER UNTIL THE TIME ARRIVES FOR HIM TO RELEASE ALL THE PIECES OF TUPSIMATI.

AND THEN, YOU CAN RETURN TO YOUR REAL WORLD,
PAM.
...BEFORE THIS SPIRIT WORLD IS DESTROYED AND DISAPPEARS!
THE RENEWAL OF THE THRONE WILL FINALLY COME TO COMPLETION...

NOT TO WORRY, ISHTAR-SAMA. THE LAST PIECE...
...IS MYSELF.
...
THERE'S ONE MISSING.
TUPSIMATI, SYMBOL OF THE THRONE!
AH, THAT'S RIGHT. RETURN, THEN, TO YOUR ORIGINAL FORM...


SWOOSH
SISTER..
SWING
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

FUGE
VIVIACE
ALTAIR

I'M
COMING
FOR YOU!

SO THIS IS THE TRUE FIGURE OF THE TUPSIMATI.
INTEREST-ING.

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!
THAT'S... WHAT THE CHAIRMAN WAS CALLING THE TUPSIMATI...
FLASH
YOU NOW POSSESS THE POWER TO CREATE ANYTHING AS WELL AS TO COMMAND EVERYTHING
R...REMY?
BUT, WHERE?

ISHTAR-SAMA
I KNOW.
RISE, EN ZU!
BREAK THE CHAIN OF REASON THAT BINDS YOU...
...AND FULFILL YOUR DIVINE DUTY AS THE ABSOLUTE DESTROYER!
THUMP

GBWAH
GET AWAY FROM HIM, PAM!
きゃあっ
AHH!
ZU...
CRACK
RUMBLE

OWW
COUGH
COUGH

CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
GRRRR
FWOOSH

HE MUST HAVE REACTED TO THEIR POWER
THE ANGEL ARMY HAS GATHERED AT THE GATES
ZWHOO
HE...
HE FLEW?!
ZU-KUN!

GWHOO...
HUH?
GIMME!
WHAT AN ENORMOUS ...
B... BROTHER, LOOK!
M... MONSTER!
...
FLAP
FLAP

AND WHAT ABOUT YOU, OLD MAN?!
I'M GOING TO THE URNAN TREE.
AND I'M NOT AN OLD MAN!
HEY! YOU TWO, GO AFTER THAT MONSTER!
...?
NO COMPLAINING! GO RESCUE THAT GIRL!
KSSHEEEN
HMPH...
I HAVE A BAD FEELING...

Angel Gates
(Angelea side) Angel
Army Headquarters
HA HA HA! LOOK, COLEUS.
THIS IS THE SYMBOL OF OUR STRENGTH.
THE DEVILS HAVE NO CHANCE AGAINST OUR PERFECTLY COMMANDED ARMY! THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR!
YES! IT'S WONDERFUL, CHAIRMAN DRACAENA, YOUR HIGHNESS!
THE FOG IS CLEARING.
YES... MY PLAN DESERVES A CLEAR SKY LIKE THIS..
HMM?

WH...
THERE'S BEEN AN EMERGENCY, YOUR HIGHNESS!
I'VE JUST GOTTEN REPORTS OF A MYSTERIOUS OUTBURST AT THE URNAN TREE.
ZWHOOOO
WHAT IS THAT?!

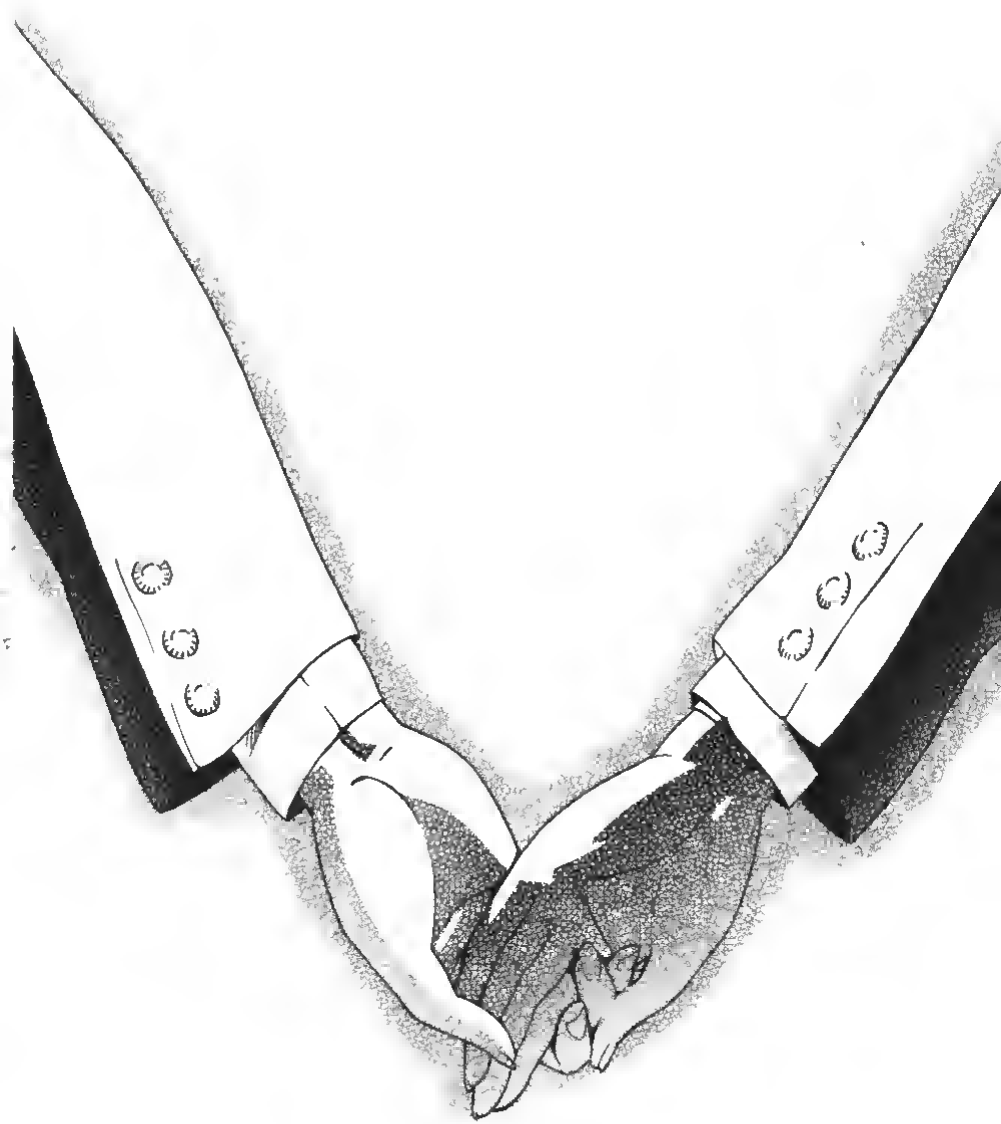
IT HAS BEGUN.
RUMBLE
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
FLASH
NO...
IT CAN'T BE...
BOOM
BOOM
RUMBLE
FLASH
THE DESTRUCTIVE CEREMONY TO CLEANSE THE WORLD.
BURST!

IS IT REALLY ZU-KUN WHO'S DOING THIS?!
I SHALL BEGIN AS WELL.
RUMBLE

THE RENEWAL OF THE THRONE,
EMANU ELISH!
RUMBLE

Familiar
UM...
...
FAMILIAR.
THAT PRINCE WITH THE MANE OF YOURS IS ACTUALLY PAM'S...

RINKA-CHAN! ♪
WATCHA PLANTING?
PANSIES.
PANSIES ARE YOU, PAM-CHAN.
HMM...
WHICH MEANS?!
LIVELY AND ENERGETIC...
I HOPE THEY TURN OUT PRETTY!
YEP!
RINKA-CHAN...
MY FAVORITE FLOWER! ♡



RIN...KA-CHAN...

TWO LINFAS?!
HUH?
WHAT...?!
WHY IS RINKA-CHAN HERE?
OH, NO...
REMY?
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED, PAM...
...WHEN YOU WERE TAKEN FROM YOUR CLASSROOM TO THIS WORLD?

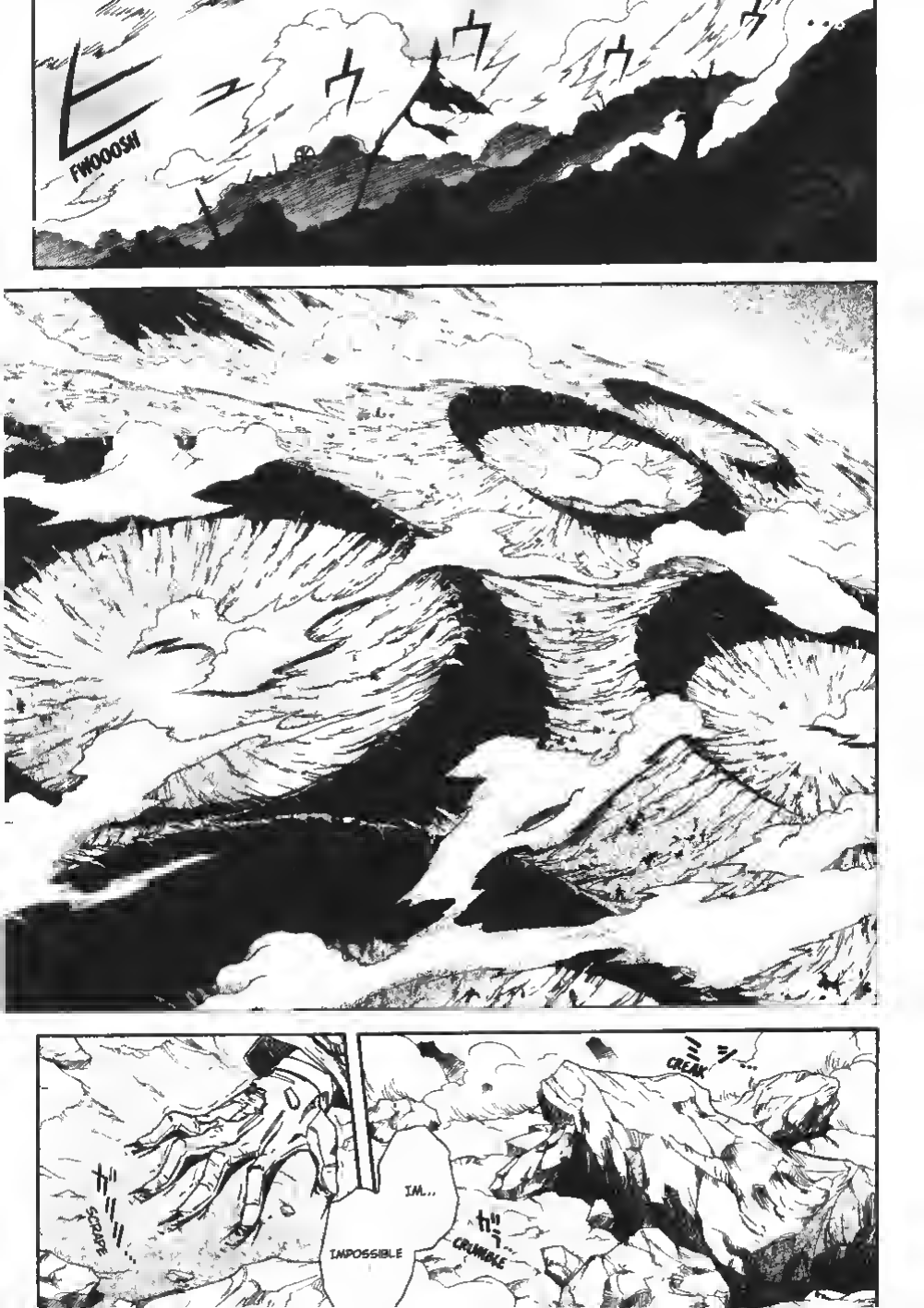
I CALLED RINKA TO THIS WORLD, TOO.
THE TRANSPORTING GATE WAS UNSTABLE THOUGH, SO THE TIME AXES DIDN'T MATCH.
YOU CALLED HER, TOO? BUT... WHY?
RINKA COULDN'T SAVE YOU.
BUT...
BECAUSE WE NEEDED HER.
INDEED.
IN ORDER FOR ME TO BECOME THE CREATOR OF THE NEXT WORLD...

I NEED TO MERGE WITH MY OTHER HALF.
...MY OTHER HALF, WHO SEPARATED FROM ME THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED YEARS AGO.
BUT WHEN RINKA APPEARED, SHE SWITCHED PLACES WITH ISHTAR IN THE CRYSTAL...
MUCH LIKE ONE BALANCE BALL TAKING THE POSITION OF THE OTHER.
THE ONE FROZEN IN THIS CRYSTAL CORE IS SUPPOSED TO BE ISHTAR.

THEN... RINKA-CHAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN...
IT'S BECAUSE ISHTAR IS THE DOMINANT HALF IN THIS WORLD.
MEANWHILE, ISHTAR, WHO WAS RELEASED FROM THE CRYSTAL, WAS TAKEN IN BY AREGNA-KUN
HE SEALED AND BLOCKED HER MEMORY, AND RAISED HER AS LINFA.
YES... SHE'S BEEN SLEEPING HERE SINCE LONG BEFORE YOU CAME TO THIS WORLD.
ISHTAR-SAMA, IT IS TIME TO REGAIN YOUR LOST HALF.
AND WITH PAM'S HELP...
GIRSU... WHAT A BUSYBODY...

...YOU WILL BECOME THE CREATOR OF THE NEXT WORLD.
M...
ME...?

HMPH...
I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED NOT TO HAVE TO DO SO WITH MARDUK'S SUCCESSOR.
GRIND


FWOOOSH
CREAK
SCRAPE
IM...
IMPOSSIBLE
CRUMBLE

THE ANGEL ARMY...
...DEFEATED?
HAS BEEN...
THIS CANNOT BE HAPPENING!!
NO...

M...
MMM.
HEY... WHERE AM I?!
AAHHHH!!
GWHOOO
IT CAN'T BE...
IT CAN'T BE!
TWIRL
TWIRL
TWIRL
HUH?
TWIRL
FWEE

YO, CAMIO!
GAAP!
OSE!
GWHOOO
THAT MONSTER CAUSED THIS DESTRUCTION!
GET AWAY FROM IT QUICKLY!
...
NO.
THIS MONSTER... HE'S DEFINITELY MY PRINCE WITH THE MANE!
MY BELOVED DARLING SENSOR AND WOMAN'S INTUITION SAY SO!
THERE MUST BE A WAY TO MAKE HIM RETURN TO HIMSELF... LIKE...
HUH?!

WHY DON'T YOU FIRST REGAIN YOUR SENSES!
はァ〜ン
A PASSIONATE KISS...
YOU KNOW, LIKE HOW THE PRINCE'S SPELL IS UNDONE IN FAIRY-TALES?
HA!
TURN 7
CAMIO... I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TELL YOU...
Familiar
UM...
...FAMILIAR.
THAT PRINCE WITH THE MANE OF YOURS IS ACTUALLY PAM'S...
HUH?
I KNOW IT ALREADY...
CAMIO... I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT...
SHUT UP.

THEN...
I CAN'T HELP IT!
I'VE REALLY FALLEN FOR HIM!
NO WAY?!
ZOOM
AH!
HEY!
WAY! SERI-OUSLY!!

MY PRINCE WITH THE MANE!
LOOK AT ME, AND REGAIN YOUR SENSES!
GRRRR
GWAAH
!!
BUT THEN AGAIN, MAYBE NOT...

LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING.
HOLD ON.
AFTER YOUR SO-CALLED EMANI ELISH, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE SPIRIT WORLD?
ゴゴ
ゴゴ ROAR
TO DEAMONEA, AND ANGELEA, AND LIRK?!
WHAT ABOUT THE COUNTLESS LIVES IN THE SPIRIT WORLD?!
THEY WILL, OF COURSE DISAPPEAR.
EXCEPT FOR THE NEW CREATOR AND THE TUPSIMATI.

DESTRUCTION AND REBIRTH.
LIFE AND DEATH.
IN THIS CLOSED WORLD, THOSE ARE THE ONLY PRINCIPLES...
THAT REMAIN UNCHANGED FROM ONE ERA TO ANOTHER.
BOOM
ガ!!
I SEE. THAT GIVES ME...
...ALL THE MORE REASON TO STOP YOU!
AHOH!

LIZYERRA-SENSEI!
FLASH
GEE, IT SURE WOULD BE NICE TO, JUST ONCE, FINISH THE CEREMONY WITHOUT BEING INTERRUPTED
GWHOO
THE TWO GUARDIAN PILLARS OF SOLOMON'S SHRINE...
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THESE GUYS...
HHZHHZHZHZ
RISE!
DUM DUM DUM DUM DUM DUM

BAM
Anti-Angel Defense System, Boaz
Anti-Devil Defense System, Jachin
HMPH, ALL WE HAVE ARE DEVILS.
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU, JACHIN
ROGER THAT.

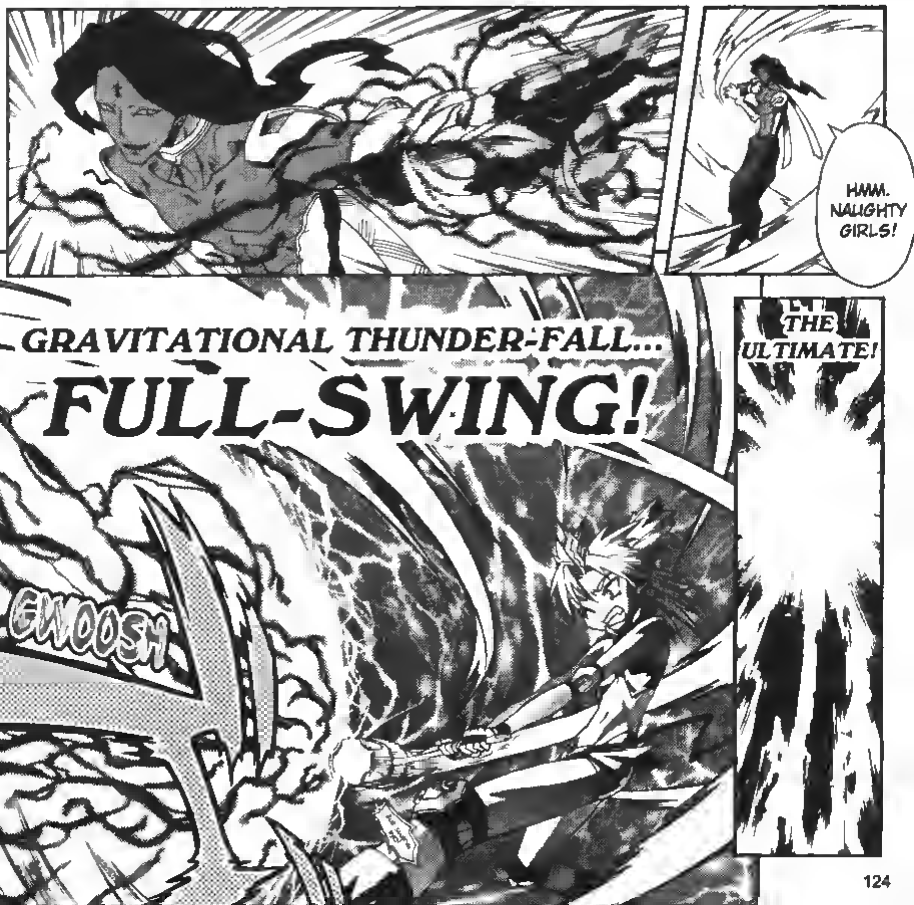
SORRY, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO LET ME PASS!
FWOOSH
WHAT, JUST ONE PERSON TO STOP ME?
SENSEI!
UNFORTU-NATELY FOR YOU...
...NO DEVIL CAN DEFEAT ME
EVER!

THUD
GAH!
WHAT...?!
BURST
DAMN.
MY FLAME WAS EXTINGUISHED?!
CRASH

...MARI-ELOUP!
HOWWW.
SISTER LINFA!
I FOUND HER! I FOUND HER!
I FOUND HER...
S/S...
BOAZ.
IT'S A DISHONOR WORTH A MILLION DEATHS,
YET ANOTHER DISRESPECTS ME WITH THE WRONG NAME

CLACKLE
MMM-HMM.
ALIGH!
ZAP
LOU-CHAN!
WATCH OUT!
SPLASH
Hoo!

V... VINE-CHAN!
BOING


HMM. NAUGHTY GIRLS!
GRAVITATIONAL THUNDER-FALL...
FULL-SWING!
THE ULTIMATE!
GWOOSH

RAIM...
I NEVER THOUGHT...
I'D SAVE AN ANGEL.
THOSE GUYS...
CR.ICK
CR.ACK
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
!!
THE LAW OF THE...
WHOOSH!
BOOM
PAM-CHI'S BAD HABIT HAS RUBBED OFF ON ME!!
WHOA
BUT ARE YOU SURE A DEVIL SHOULD BE HELPING OUT AN ANGEL?
THAT'S PRETTY GOOD FOR A KID.

RAIM!
VINE!
UNGG!
SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED BEFORE, TOO
INDEED,
...CONSERVATION OF LUCK!
CRASH!
RAIM, I'M COMING TO HELP!
DON'T COME, DUMMY!
A SMALL DEVIL LIKE YOU CAN HARDLY BEAT ME.
UNLIKE JACHIN, ONLY A DEVIL CAN DEFEAT ME... HOWEVER,

YOU GUYS...
WIPE
THERE'S SOMEONE YOU HAVE TO STOP!
THAT'S RIGHT, PAM-CHAN! WE'RE FINE!
GO, PAM! LEAVE THEM TO US!
OKAY...
GOT IT!

ISHTAR!
FLOAT
FLAP
WE MEET AGAIN AFTER THREE MILLENIA...
LET US UNITE!
MY OTHER HALF!
I MUST STOP...

THUM
AUGHHHHH!
BOOM
?!
HOW CAN THIS BE?! IMPOSSIBLE!

WHY...
WHY DO YOU REJECT ME?!
LINFA-CHAN!

BUSH

WHY?!
WHY DO YOU REJECT ME?!

WAIT... I GET IT!
IT'S NOT RINKA WHO'S REJECTING ISHTAR...
THE TWO SOULS THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO MATCH PERFECTLY...
ARE NOW UNSTABLE BECAUSE OF LINFA'S NEWLY-CREATED SPIRIT!
BUT LINFA— WITHIN ISHTAR— WHO IS REFUSING TO UNITE!
WHY, YOU...
NOOOOOOO!

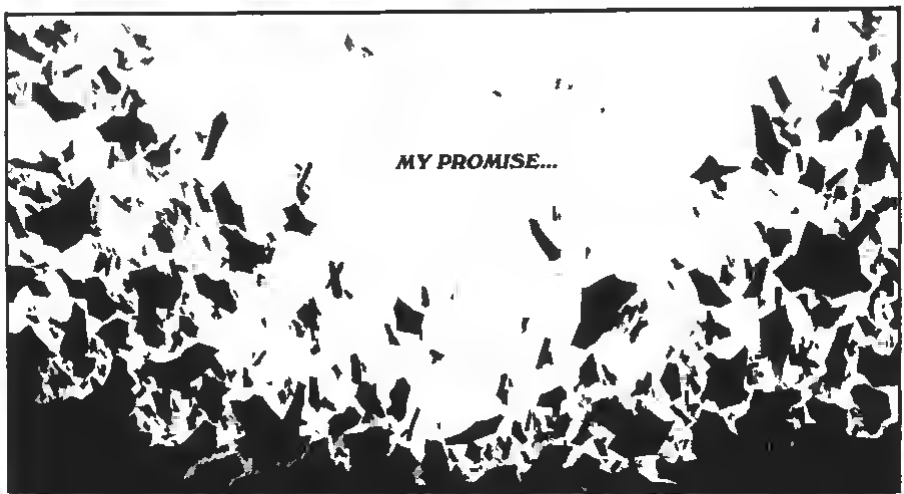
NOOOO!
NO! YOU MUSTN'T FORCE THE FUSION!
SIS...TER...
KRIK

CRACK
WHOOSH
TH...
THEY DISAP-PEARED ...?!
P...

GAH!
WHAM!
SLAM!
LIZYERRA-SENSEI!

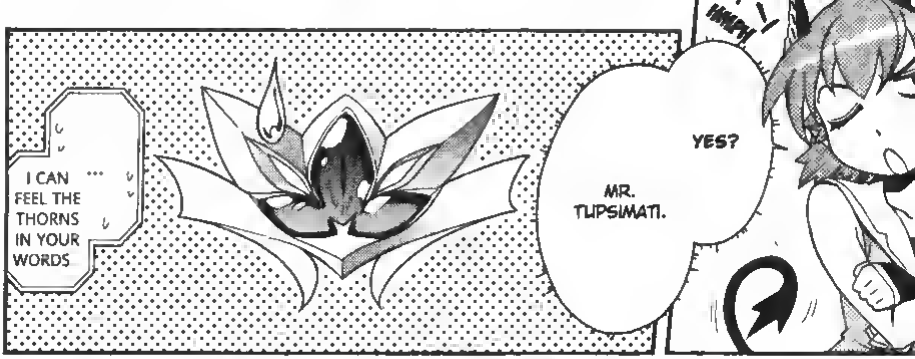
!!
TH... THIS IS LOOKING REALLY BAD!
GWHOO
YOU SHOULD ...
WORRY ABOUT YOURSELVES!
HEH...
WELL... AREN'T YOU THE OBEDIENT ONE.
WE MUST FULFILL OUR DUTIES!
IT APPEARS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME UNEXPECTED EVENTS. STILL...
THUD
THERE-FORE...
FAREWELL, DEVIL-WOMAN SOLDIER.

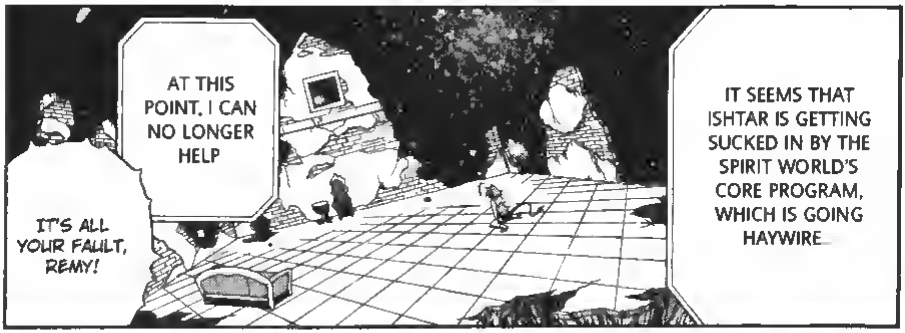
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE...
I'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP...


MY PROMISE...

WHOOO
JEEZ... YOU KIDS SURE CAUSE A LOT OF HEADACHES.
C...
W-WAIT!! WHAT ABOUT MY PRINCE WITH THE MANE?
DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS.
WE'RE SAVED
SITRI-SENSEI?!
AAHHHHH!
!
C'MON KIDS... LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

THE SPIRIT WORLD...
PAM.
WH...
WHERE...
AM I?
WHERE'S LINFA-CHAN?


I CAN FEEL THE THORNS IN YOUR WORDS
...
MR. TUPSIMATI.
YES?
HMPH!


IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, REMY!
AT THIS POINT, I CAN NO LONGER HELP
IT SEEMS THAT ISHTAR IS GETTING SUCKED IN BY THE SPIRIT WORLD'S CORE PROGRAM, WHICH IS GOING HAYWIRE...

FFIIII
BUT LOOK AT THIS.
I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY IN MY DEFENSE.

Z...
BOOM
ZU-KUN!

AND THAT'S...
IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE *EMANU ELISH*, THE RENEWAL OF THE THRONE,
WE NEED THE TWO CHOSEN SOULS
ISHTAR AND ME?
I KNOW I'M IN NO POSITION TO ASK THIS, BUT...
AT THIS RATE, THERE WILL ONLY BE DESTRUCTION, AND REVIVAL WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE
WILL YOU HELP HER?
I WILL LEAVE ALL OF MY TUPSIMATI POWER TO YOU.

WITHOUT A DOUBT, THIS FAVOR HAS GOT TO BE THE WORST THING YOU'VE ASKED OF ME...
...
FROM THE MOMENT I MET YOU...
...YOU'VE BEEN NOTHING BUT TROUBLE TO ME, REMY.
BOOM
BUT... IF I DON'T DO IT, EVERYONE'S GOING TO DISAPPEAR, RIGHT?
FINE, I'LL DO IT.
I'M SORRY...
THANK YOU, PAM
BUT!
ONLY IF YOU...
...PROMISE ME ONE THING!
♪

WH...
C'MON...
OLD MAN?!
DON'T CALL ME THAT.
MY NAME, IS... NICE MIDDLE-AGED...
.. OROBAS-SAMA!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO A BUNCH OF KIDS?
GRRR...

JACHIN! I'LL NEED SOME HELP...
KEH, A NEW DEVIL ENEMY...
HNGH...
THUD
ZEPAR!
YOU'RE...

I WOULD CONGRATULATE YOU FOR STOPPING ME...
HOWEVER, I BELIEVE IT WAS A LITTLE TOO MUCH FOR YOUR DEEPLY WOUNDED BODY.
CRACK
CREAK...
BUT YOU'RE WOUNDED...
THIS IS NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT MY WELL-BEING.
I SEE.
THEN, I'M IN LUCK.
CRACK
IT'S TOO BAD...
THAT ONLY AN ANGEL CAN DEFEAT THIS GUY.

AREGNA!!
CRASH!
WHAT?!
YOU'RE...
SWISH
A-A-A-A-A...

NINURTA GIRSU?! IMPOSSIBLE!!!
CRAP! HE'S AN ANG...
WHAM
BUT THIS...
I...
I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH IT TAKES TO WIELD THIS...
TAKE IT, LIZYERRA
ARGH...
WHAT?!
AH...
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO IT.

FOR YOU...
...WERE ONCE AN ANGEL...
UNGH... IT WON'T BUDGE...
OKAY!
LUGH!

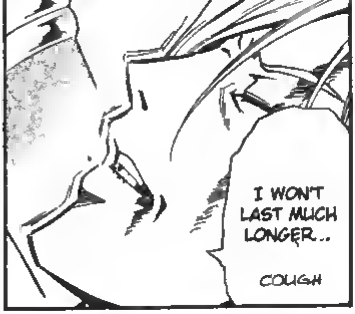
EXPLODE... BRIONAC!!
AAARGH!

JACHIIIIIN!!
YOO-HOO!
IF YOU DON'T PAY ATTEN-TION...
WHAM
CRASH
WE'LL FINISH YOU...
WHAT?!

GULP!
IN ONE BLOW?!
HMM?
O...
OLD MAN OROBAS...
YOU... EROBAS!
LEAVE ME ALONE!
IDIOT! MORON! DIE, YOU PERVERT!
GAH! STOP!
OH DEAR
THAT IS SO NOT SEXY.
WHAT KIND OF UNDERPANTS ARE THOSE?!
WHAT IS THIS?!
WHOA?!
UM... THANK YOU...
FOR SAVING US.

AREGNA...
IF YOU WERE ALIVE, THEN WHY...
I'M NOT...
I FOUGHT AGAINST REMY... AND DIED.
...MY SOUL IS TEMPORARILY TIED TO THIS BODY THROUGH CHAIRMAN MALPHAS'S NECROMANCY
RIGHT NOW...

I WAS ONCE THE FIRST ANGEL UNDER ISHTAR.

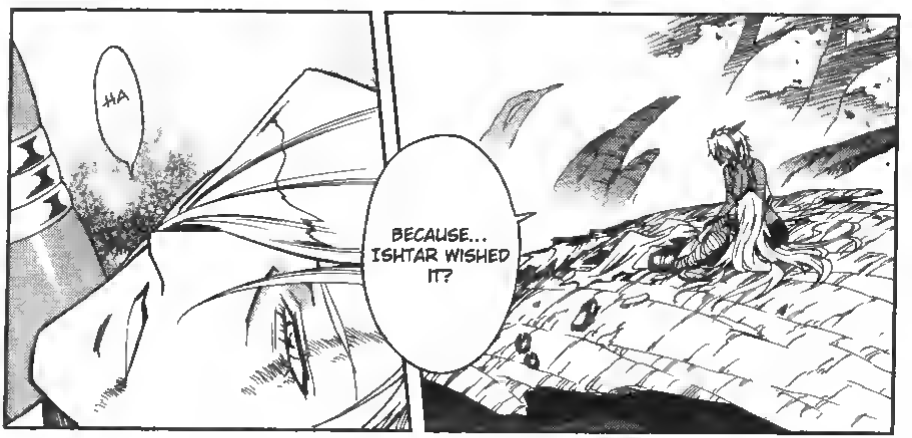

I WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER..
COUGH

LISTEN, LIZYER-RA...
BUT!

OUR LORD WAS CHOSEN PRECISELY BECAUSE SHE ABHORRED DEVILS AND STRONGLY WISHED FOR A WORLD WITHOUT THEM.
BACK THEN, A HUMAN GIRL WAS ALSO CALLED FORTH TO THIS WORLD...
IN ORDER TO BECOME THE CREATOR OF THE NEXT WORLD WITH ISHTAR.
HOWEVER, AS THE TIE BETWEEN HER AND THE KIND HUMAN DEVELOPED, HER HATRED WEAKENED, AND SHE BEGAN TO WISH FOR THIS WORLD TO CONTINUE.

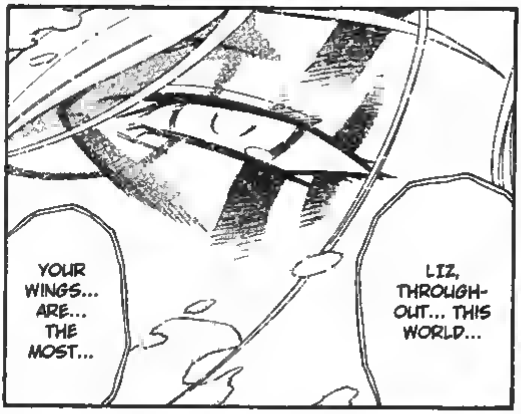
I BOUND EN ZU, THE TRIGGER OF EMANU ELISH, TO APSU [THE ABYSS]
AND KEPT CLOSE WATCH OVER THIS WORLD FOR MANY YEARS...
SHE AND THE DEVIL KING, MARDUK, INTERFERED WITH THE CEREMONY, AND WITH MARDUK'S DEATH, EMANU ELISH WAS STOPPED.

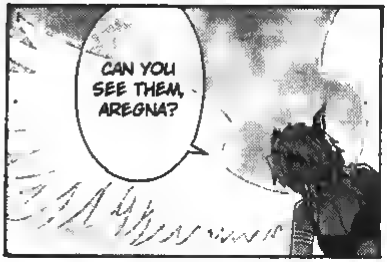
HOWEVER, I WAS MISTAKEN.
I WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE UNDERSTOOD ALL THAT, BUT...
WITHOUT THE RENEWAL OF THE THRONE, THE SPIRIT WORLD WOULD EVENTUALLY STOP EVOLVING, ONLY TO BE DESTROYED.
I STILL WISHED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THIS SPIRIT WORLD.
DO YOU KNOW WHY?


HA
BECAUSE... ISHTAR WISHED IT?

I KEPT LIVING, KNOWING THAT I'D MADE A MISTAKE...
I... IDIOT! DON'T JOKE AROUND!
THIS IS NOT THE TIME!
MY LIFE HAD LOST ITS MEANING... AND YOU... GAVE IT PURPOSE.
HACK HACK
COUGH
COUGH
AREGNA! STOP... DON'T TALK!
BECAUSE OF YOU...
LIZ.
SHOW ME... ONE LAST TIME...
YOU HAVEN'T SPREAD THEM... SINCE THE DAY YOU'VE FALLEN HAVE YOU...?
ALL RIGHT ...

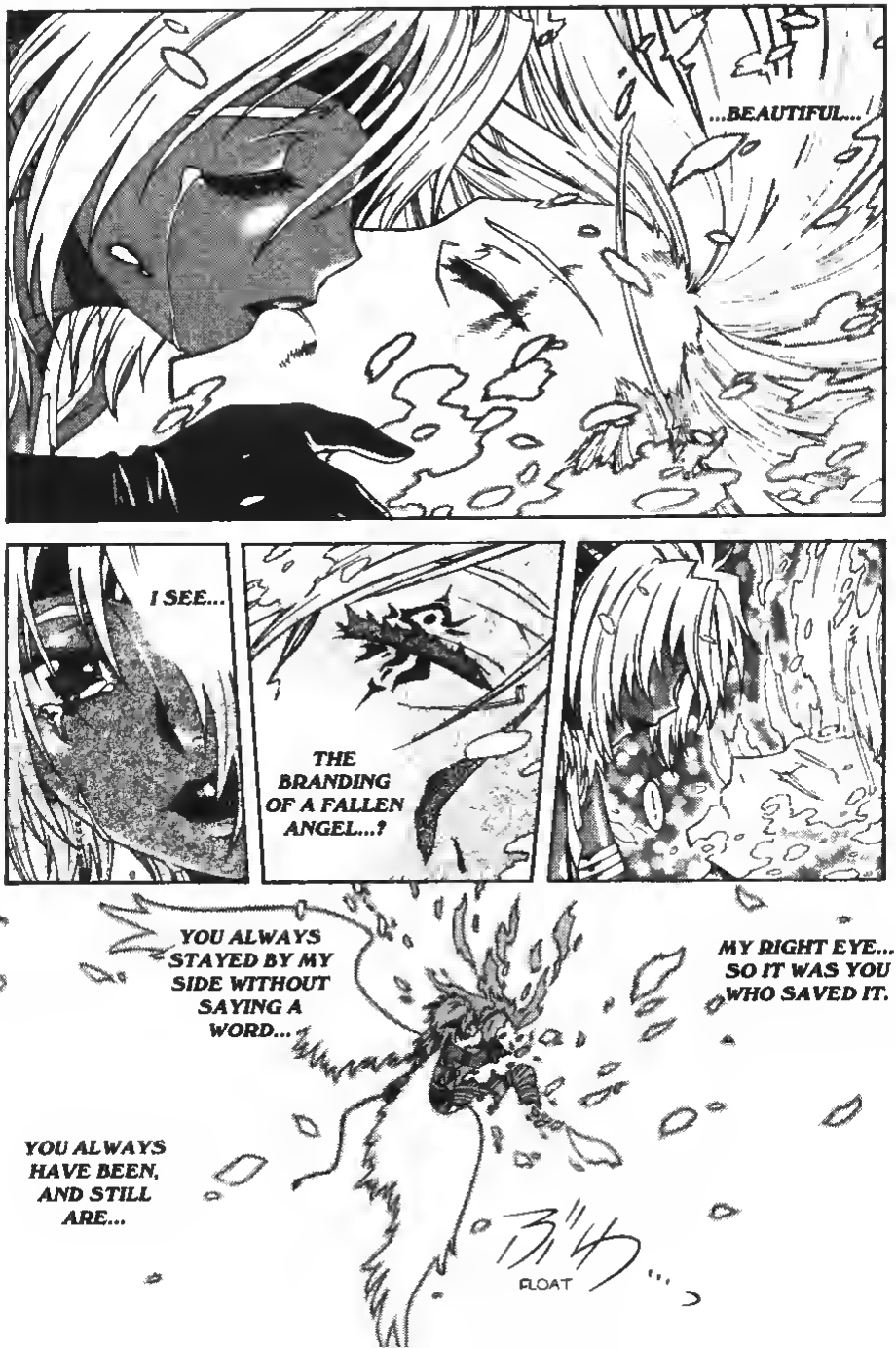
WHOOSH


YOUR WINGS... ARE... THE MOST...
LIZ, THROUGH-OUT... THIS WORLD...


CAN YOU SEE THEM, AREGNA?

SHE BECAME A FALLEN ANGEL BECAUSE SHE OPPOSED THE WAYS OF THE ANGELS IN THE PREVIOUS WAR...
SHE WAS ORIGINALLY AN ANGEL...

!!
AREGNA!


...BEAUTIFUL...
I SEE...
THE BRANDING OF A FALLEN ANGEL...?
YOU ALWAYS STAYED BY MY SIDE WITHOUT SAYING A WORD...
MY RIGHT EYE... SO IT WAS YOU WHO SAVED IT.
YOU ALWAYS HAVE BEEN, AND STILL ARE...
FLOAT

...SO ANNOYING...
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT ME IN THIS SHAPE?

WHAT IS IT? IT'S FREEZING ...
?!
IT'S LIKE MY GRANDMA'S WITH ME!
YEP! I FEEL COMFORTABLE THIS WAY
WHOOO
PAM! ISHTAR HAS BEEN CAUGHT IN THERE...
IT'S THE APSU.
I MUST GO!
BUT...
I CAN'T STOP TREMBLING.
I'M SCARED...

Ll...
LINFA-CHAN...
SHE'S TOTALLY FROZEN
WE MIGHT BE TOO LATE

I'VE COME TO SAVE YOU, LINFA-CHAN.
PLEASE...
OPEN YOUR EYES!
? ?
SPLASH
FLASH

RUMBLE
CRASH
GWHOOO

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Grand finale

I HOPE YOU'RE SAFE... PAM!
AAAGH!
GO, OLD MAN!
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! WE MUST GET OUT!
COME! MORIGAN!
THUD
WHACK
?!

LINFA-CHAN...!
SO THIS IS THE "STRENGTH OF THE HEART!"
PAM... YOU'RE DEFINITELY THE ONE CHOSEN BY THE TUPSIMATI...

ISHTAR. OR LINFA
WHICH ONE WILL AWAKEN?!

PAM... SAN...?
P...
SO WARM...
LINFA-CHAN!
LINFA-CHAN!
LINFA-CHAN!
LI...
AH!
SQUEEZE
?!
SPLASH...

WHOOO
ISHTAR!
HAVE YOU TAKEN CONTROL OF THE APSU? BUT, HOW?
SHE'S NO LONGER ISHTAR.
SHE'S SHEER HATRED, SEPARATED FROM THE BODY...
HATRED?
BUT...
SHE LOOKS SO SAD...
HOW...
WHOOSH
HOW DARE YOU?!

I HATE YOU!
ZWHOOOO
I HATE YOU! I HATE YOU!
AM I SUPPOSED TO FOLLOW YOU?
RINKA-CHAN?!
YES!
LET'S GO TOGETHER, LINFA-CHAN!

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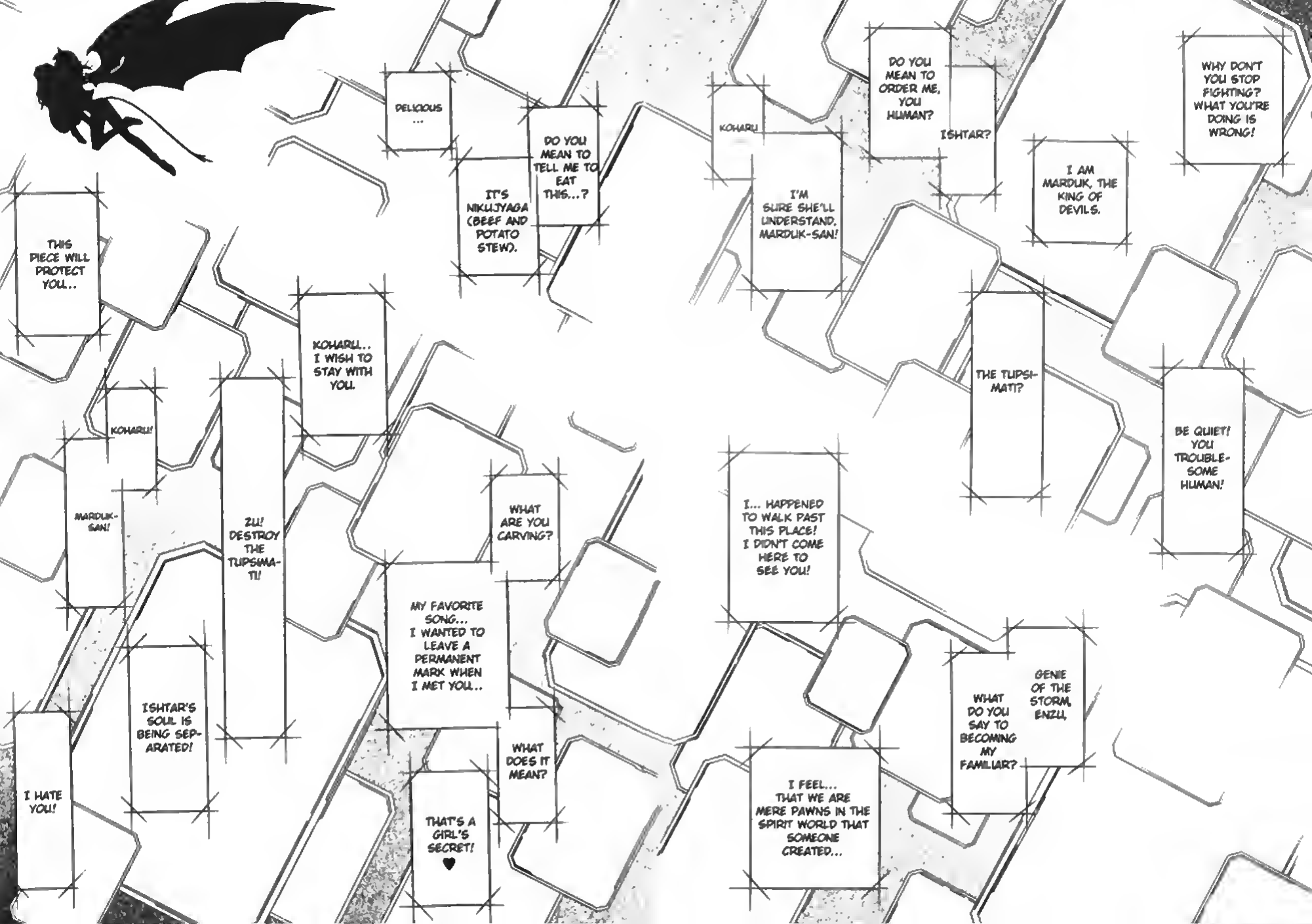
THESE ARE MEMORY BLOCKS.
MEMORY WHAT?
LET'S JUST SAY THAT THEY'RE DEVICES THAT RECORD EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS IN THE SPIRIT WORLD
AND THIS

MY GRANDMA?!
IS THE MEMORY OF WHEN YOUR GRANDMOTHER, KOHARU AKUMACHI, WAS CALLED TO THE SPIRIT WORLD!


DELICIOUS ...
IT'S NIKUJYAGA (BEEF AND POTATO STEW).
DO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME TO EAT THIS...?
KOHARU
I'M SURE SHE'LL UNDERSTAND, MARDUK-SAN!
DO YOU MEAN TO ORDER ME, YOU HUMAN?
ISHTAR?
I AM MARDUK, THE KING OF DEVILS.
WHY DON'T YOU STOP FIGHTING? WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS WRONG!
THIS PIECE WILL PROTECT YOU...
KOHARU... I WISH TO STAY WITH YOU.
THE TUPSI-MATI?
BE QUIET! YOU TROUBLE-SOME HUMAN!
KOHARU!
MARDUK-SAN!
ZU! DESTROY THE TUPSIMA-TI!
WHAT ARE YOU CARVING?
I... HAPPENED TO WALK PAST THIS PLACE! I DIDN'T COME HERE TO SEE YOU!
MY FAVORITE SONG... I WANTED TO LEAVE A PERMANENT MARK WHEN I MET YOU..
ISHTAR'S SOUL IS BEING SEP-ARATED!
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
WHAT DO YOU SAY TO BECOMING MY FAMILIAR?
GENIE OF THE STORM, ENZU.
I HATE YOU!
THAT'S A GIRL'S SECRET! ♥
I FEEL... THAT WE ARE MERE PAWNS IN THE SPIRIT WORLD THAT SOMEONE CREATED...

HMM... SO THE "KIND DEVIL" THAT MY GRANDMA FELL IN LOVE WITH...
WAS MARDUK-SAN.
I WANTED TO MEET HIM, TOO...
I...
I WAS ABLE TO MEET...
...THE KINDEST DEVIL IN THE WORLD...

FLASH
CRACK
S...
P...
PAM-CHI!
CRASH
SISTER !!!

GRAND-FATHER!
IT APPEARS THAT THOSE TWO ARE SAFE.
NO...
I WAS ABLE TO SEE HIM BECAUSE OF YOU.
INSTRUCTOR LIZYERRA.
I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO GO THROUGH ALL THIS...
GRRR

SO, ZU-KUN... THIS IS ALL YOUR DOING?
UNOFF
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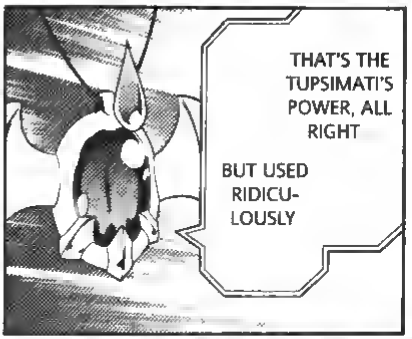
YOU'RE MY FAMILIAR, REMEMBER? WHAT YOU'VE DONE... THAT'S A...
CRACK
GOT IT!

WHAM
GAH?!

AAAARGH!

FLING


THAT'S THE TUPSIMATI'S POWER, ALL RIGHT
BUT USED RIDICU-LOUSLY

YOU'RE QUITE RECK-LESS...
I'M SO GLAD ZU-KUN'S OK
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WHEN

HUH, ZU?
ぼへっ
KO'D

RUMBLE

PAM-SAN!
I HATE YOU!
GRAB
AAAH!

PAM-SAN...

YOU, HAVE ALWAYS HELPED ME, AN ANGEL...

...WITHOUT THINKING TWICE ABOUT THE MISFORTUNE IT WOULD BRING YOU.

AND YET, I...

GLARE
HMM?!
NEVER AGAIN ...
...DO I WANT TO FEEL REGRET!
WHAM
ASCHER!
EHEHEH!
YOU LITTLE ...!

SISTER, YOU MUSTN'T!
...?! THAT SPELL!
YAHWEH!
EHEIEH!
FLASH
WHOOSH
ADONAI!
EL!
ELOHIM!
TZABAOTH!
ELOAH!
TETRA...
BAM!
IF YOU HELP PAM WITH THAT...
BUT THAT'S LIKE CALLING FORTH ARMAGED-DON!!!

PAM-SAN!
LIN...
FA... CHAN...
SO, I WON'T HESITATE ANYMORE!
SQUEEZE
みし
みし
IF I CAN SAVE YOU...
AAAARGH!
グッギイイヤアアアアア
SHADA!!!
GRAMMATON!
THE REASON WHY I WAS SO DRAWN TO YOU...
WAS IN THOSE MEMORY BLOCKS...
...ARE YOU NOT AFRAID OF DEATH?!
WH... WHY...

...GIVING MY LIFE FOR YOU...
I DON'T REGRET...

I WILL SOON...
BUT I SAVED YOU WITH AN ANGEL'S MOST HOLY SPELL...
THE LAW OF THE CONSERVATION OF LUCK NO LONGER EXISTS
WHAT?!
WH WHY S THAT?!
LINFA-CHAN, YOU'RE JUST AS RECKLESS...
I UM... ERASED IT!
HA HA HA
E...
ERASED?!
YES ..
I'M NOT ONE TO TALK.
WELL, SINCE I'M THE OWNER OF THE TUPSIMATI...

LI...
LINFA-CHAN!
Y... YES?
AH HA HA!
HA HA HA HA!
PFFT!
I FINALLY SAW YOU LAUGH!
BLUSH
カアアアア
SPARKLE
キラ
IT'S...

AH... RINKA-CHAN...
...PROBABLY BECAUSE I MERGED WITH RINKA-SAN.
SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU TWO...
BUT NOW THAT THE DESTRUCTION HAS GONE THIS FAR I CAN'T REPAIR IT
SO...
WILL YOU TWO COMPLETE IT?
WITH YOUR EMANU ELISH?
SMILE
YES
EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE...

...AS LONG AS I'M WITH YOU...

—Epilogue—

ONE YEAR LATER.
July
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ONE IS NOT BORN A WOMAN,
BUT BECOMES ONE.
MATSUBISHI

Fin

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THE FINAL POSTSCRIPT: ATOGAKI CLIMAX!!

MORI IS HERE!

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OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT

Act.29

MARDUK GAVE AWAY PART OF HIS SOUL TO KOHARU, PAM'S GRANDMOTHER, WHO WAS ON THE VERGE OF HER DEATH. PAM'S AWAKENING WAS DUE TO THE GENETIC REVERSION THAT RECALLED MARDUK'S SOUL. I WAS UNABLE TO DRAW THIS IN THE STORY, BUT THIS EXPLAINS THAT PAM'S GRANDFATHER IS HUMAN.

Act.28

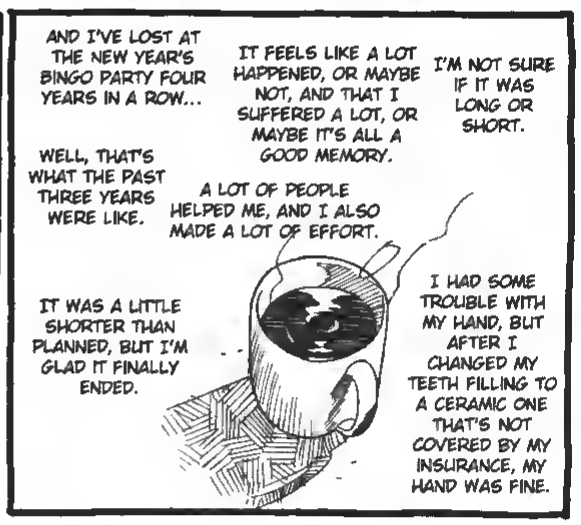
I WISH SOMEONE HAD STOPPED ME WHILE DESIGNING THE MANY OVERLAPPING ROOTS OF THE E KUA. IT WAS FAR MORE WORK THAN IT SEEMS (SOB). BUT I'M QUITE SATISFIED WITH HOW THIS CHAPTER TURNED OUT, INCLUDING ISHTAR'S WELL-DRAWN BEHIND.

Act.27

I MADE ISHTAR'S COSTUME BLATANTLY SEXY. FROM THIS CHAPTER ONWARDS, ZU BECOMES A MERE BACKGROUND CHARACTER, AND I'M SORRY FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO LIKED ZU. I HOPE YOU WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE CONNECTIONS TO "MISTAKEN MACHIAVELLIANISM," "SATURN DEVOURING HIS SON," AND "QP-CHAN."

【CHAPTER EXPLANATION】

HOORAY! STRAY LITTLE DEVIL IS FINISHED!
THANK YOU FOR READING THIS STORY UNTIL THE END.
I DIDN'T EVEN SAY A WORD
WE DIDN'T APPEAR MUCH IN THE FINAL CHAPTER
THANKS!
WELL.
I LOST AN ENTIRE DAY RESTORING MY COMPUTER.
ONLY THREE DAYS UNTIL THE DEADLINE.
WHY NOW?!


AND I'VE LOST AT THE NEW YEAR'S BINGO PARTY FOUR YEARS IN A ROW...
IT FEELS LIKE A LOT HAPPENED, OR MAYBE NOT, AND THAT I SUFFERED A LOT, OR MAYBE IT'S ALL A GOOD MEMORY.
I'M NOT SURE IF IT WAS LONG OR SHORT.
WELL, THAT'S WHAT THE PAST THREE YEARS WERE LIKE.
A LOT OF PEOPLE HELPED ME, AND I ALSO MADE A LOT OF EFFORT.
IT WAS A LITTLE SHORTER THAN PLANNED, BUT I'M GLAD IT FINALLY ENDED.
I HAD SOME TROUBLE WITH MY HAND, BUT AFTER I CHANGED MY TEETH FILLING TO A CERAMIC ONE THAT'S NOT COVERED BY MY INSURANCE, MY HAND WAS FINE.

Act.32

I DECIDED FROM THE VERY START THAT PAM WOULD BECOME DEUS EX MACHINA AND LINFA WOULD FINALLY LAUGH IN THE END. THEREFORE, IF YOU GO BACK AND CHECK, LINFA DOESN'T LAUGH EVEN ONCE UNTIL THE END. BY THE WAY, RINKA DID NOT DISAPPEAR. IN THE HUMAN WORLD, RINKA'S PERSONALITY IS DOMINANT, AND IN THE SPIRIT WORLD, LINFA'S PERSONALITY IS DOMINANT. WHEN PAM GOES TO THE SPIRIT WORLD, SHE GROWS HORNS AND A TAIL

Act.31

I'M SURE YOU'VE GUESSED BY NOW, BUT I REALLY LOVE THESE CLASSIC TURN OF EVENTS. I REGRET NOT HAVING ENOUGH PAGES TO WRITE ABOUT THE EPISODE ON LIZ'S RIGHT EYE, THAT FALLEN ANGELS HAVE BOTH EYES BRANDED. I'M TRULY SORRY ABOUT THAT.

Act.30

BECAUSE I'D BEEN CONCENTRATING ON DRAWING ISHTAR (ESPECIALLY HER HIP) SEXILY, I'D KIND OF NEGLECTED THE OTHER CHARACTERS. THEREFORE, I TRIED TO DRAW THE OTHERS, AND ESPECIALLY PAM, VERY CUTE IN THE LAST CHAPTERS... HA HA HA! BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY ABOU THE LACK OF GOOD-LOOKING MEN

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY THANKS ONCE AGAIN TO THE PUBLISHER AND EVERYONE WHO IS WILLING TO READ SUCH AN IMPERFECT WORK.

NO MATTER HOW GREAT I BECOME, I WILL ALWAYS WANT ROOM TO IMPROVE. REALLY.

OF COURSE, THAT MEANS THERE IS ROOM TO GROW FOR ME, AND THERE IS NOTHING MORE EXHILARATING THAN THAT TO A MANGAKA LIKE MYSELF.

WHAT I LEARNED FROM DRAWING THIS STORY IS THAT MY DRAWING AND STORY CREATION SKILLS NEED A LOT OF IMPROVEMENT.

I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ME.

END